

Remarks

The preceding amendments to the description are believed to overcome the objection to the drawings.

By the preceding amendments, claims 28, 29, and 30 have been substituted for the claims that were rejected in the Office Action noted above. You are requested to give favorable consideration to claims 28, 29, and 30.

Claim 28 is directed to an improvement in a building structure comprising two building elements and a reinforcing beam between the building elements. The reinforcing beam has two sides, each of which has a coupling formation. Each building element has a side facing the reinforcing beam. Each building element has a coupling formation on the side facing the reinforcing beam. On each side of the reinforcing beam, one of the building element coupling formations and one of the reinforcing beam coupling formations are engaged slidably.

As the improvement is claimed in claim 28, one of the slidably engaged coupling formations has a T-section slot and the other of the slidably engaged coupling formations has T-section flanges, which are seated in the T-section slot.

Claim 29, which depends upon claim 28, recites that the reinforcing beam coupling formations have the T-section slots and the building element coupling formations have the T-section flanges. Claim 30, which depends upon claim 28, recites that the reinforcing beam coupling formations have the T-section flanges and the building element coupling formations have the T-section slots.

Although each GB 2,318,133, GB 2,268,765, and EP 835,968 disclose a building structure of a type improved by this invention, none of these references discloses or suggests that, on each side of the reinforcing beam, one of the slidably engaged coupling formations has a T-section slot, in which T-section flanges of the other of the slidably engaged coupling formations are seated, as claimed in claim 28.

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Although US 5,580,620 discloses side-by-side panels, which have T-section slots in the panel tops, and connectors, which have T-section flanges projecting downwardly and seated in those slots, this reference does not disclose or suggest providing the panel ends such slots at the panel ends, rather than in the panel tops, and providing a reinforcing beam between the panels with such flanges on the sides of the reinforcing beam, as necessary to arrive at the building structure claimed in claim 28.

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